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# 3rd Annual Battle in the Burbs to Benefit Special Olympics

For the third year in a row, Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta will host the Battle in the Burbs, pitting his team of South Suburban mayors, the Big Hitters, against Gunsmoke, a team comprising the Police and Fire Chiefs of South Suburban Chicago, in a classic game of 16-inch softball. The big matchup will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday, Aug. 16th, at Standard Bank Stadium (14011 Kenton Ave.) in Crestwood. Doors will open at 1:30pm, with discounted concessions available throughout the event.

Advance tickets to Battle in the Burbs are FREE. Same-day tickets will cost \$10. Attendees of Battle in the Burbs are cordially invited to stay FREE to see the Thunderbolts take on the Lake Erie Crushers immediately following at 5:05pm. Postgame autographs will be available, and attendees can play catch on the field after the game. It's a full day of family friendly fun at Standard Bank Stadium, to whom Mayor Lou and all of the participants and supporters of this event are grateful for its sponsorship. *Come show your support for your community and Special Olympics!* 





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# **Village Meeting Schedule**

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 14025 Kostner Ave | August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | August 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

**Planning Commission** – Zoning Board 8:30pm-10:00pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | August 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**Recreation Commission** - 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>st</sup>

# Letter from the Mayor

It's hard to believe that summer is passing us by so quickly, but Crestwood is making the most of it and is as lively as ever. Last month the community celebrated together at Standard Bank Stadium for Sparks in the Park, as well as at our rather down-home and festive Fourth of July parade. This month, the events continue with the annual Battle in the Burbs charity softball outing Aug. 16th, as I and my fellow South Suburban mayors challenge the area Police and Fire Chiefs to benefit Special Olympics. We hope to see as many of you turn out with your families for an afternoon of fun and festivities. Admission is free and you can enjoy some professional baseball immediately following with our own Thunderbolts taking on the Lake Erie Crushers.

On Aug. 4th, the Crestwood Police Department will take part in a National Night Out, encouraging Crestwood residents to come out in force to help raise community awareness while enjoying fun and camaraderie with members of our local police force. As I promised you all, the Stanley Cup will once again come to Crestwood Aug. 13th at Standard Bank Stadium from noon to 2:00pm, and the Village will host its first concert Aug. 22nd, also at Standard Bank Stadium, featuring Beatles tribute performance "American English."

Soccer League will be starting up soon and our own Crestwood Soccer Club will provide children with the opportunity to get out, have fun and take part in some healthy exercise while heading back to school. Now open to all Crestwood youth, Soccer is a character-building activity that we encourage families to come out and support. We'd like to see as many of our young people as possible take advantage of our Soccer Club and encourage everyone who is at all inclined to participate.

Recently, some residents have asked me about the references I made to annexation of unincorporated property. While there appears to be value to our village in pursuing annexation of adjacent unincorporated properties, any action to actually do so remains a long way off. Our village could benefit from additional revenue in property tax and from state apportioned revenues, grants and other tax revenue. In addition, property values in and adjacent to annexed property generally rises providing an equity boon for residents.

Our village never seriously considered annexation of adjacent neighborhoods before primarily because of the costs involved in doing so. But under a proposal presented by Cook County President, Preckwinkle, such costs would be borne by the County and not by our village. I and your village trustees are always looking for opportunities that will enhance the standard of living and wellbeing of Crestwood residents. You can be sure we will look closely at what the County ultimately proposes and, if we feel it is in the best interests of both our citizens and those residing in adjacent unincorporated areas, we will reach out to everyone, let them know what is being offered and see just how everyone feels before moving forward with any annexation program.

Vitality is important for the future of Crestwood. It is nearly as important as our young people who are our future and who will be heading back to school in a few short weeks. I know all of Crestwood will join me in wishing them the best as they begin their new year of education. What they gain from their classroom experience will serve as the foundation of Crestwood's future as well as that of our nation.

As always, I am here as a servant to all of the people of our village. Please feel free to call me if I can be of assistance to you, your family or your Crestwood business.

Sincerely Yours,

Mayor Lou Presta

# Stanley Cup to Visit Crestwood, Blackhawks Recognized by MWRD



The Village of Crestwood will once again receive a visit from the Stanley Cup, thanks both to the Blackhawks' recent victory in the NHL Finals and to Blackhawks Head Athletic Trainer (and Crestwood resident) Mike Gapski. The cup will appear at Standard Bank Stadium from noon-2:00pm on Thursday, August, 13th 2015.

Fans aren't the only ones heralding the praises of the Blackhawks, who have claimed the Cup three times in the last six years. The Board of Commissioners for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago honored the team with a resolution at its July meeting. "In the six years I have been a commissioner, the Blackhawks have won three Stanley Cups. I would say that's a pretty good track record when it comes to success," said President Mariyana Spyropoulos. "We are so proud of this team and salute them on another championship effort. We at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago strive to embody those same principles of hard work, determination and teamwork that the Blackhawks represent."

"On behalf of owner Rocky Wirtz, President John McDonough, General Manager Stan Bowman, Coach Joel Quenneville and the whole Blackhawks organization, we appreciate this recognition and express our gratitude for the support," Blackhawks Executive Vice President Jay Blunk said. "This was truly a special group of players and coaches, a team that we as Chicagoans can all be proud of," adding, "Blackhawk fans across the Chicago area have embraced this team, and we are happy to deliver them a Stanley Cup."



The Gapski family (left to right): Ryan, Michael, Lynne, Mike, Gillian and Steven.

(left to right): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Vice President Barbara McGowan, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Blackhawks Executive Vice President Jay Blunk, Commissioner Cynthia Santos, Blackhawks broadcaster and former player Troy Murray, President Mariyana Spyropoulos, Blackhawks Senior Executive Director of Marketing Peter Hassen and Commissioners Michael Alvarez, Debra Shore and Kari Steele honored the 2015 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks at a recent board meeting.



# Village's Annual Touch-a-Truck Event a Success



Presented by Mayor Lou Presta, in conjunction with the police and fire departments, the Village of Crestwood's annual Touch-a-Truck event, held June 27, was a tremendous success, with more than 1,300 kids in attendance, and with 1,000 kid's safety vests and 1,100 plastic helmets distributed free of charge. The Crestwood Fire Department also distributed more than 500 plastic fire helmets. The event was sponsored by Public Safety Direct, and in part through public donations.

Thanks go out to Mark Koz and the great staff at Public Safety Direct for not only their sponsorship, enabling this event to remain free to the public, but for the hard work that their staff put into making it the success that it was.











#### POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# **Crestwood Police to Host National Night Out**

In cooperation with Target, the Crestwood Police Department will host National Night Out 2015. The event, designed to heighten crime and drug awareness while strengthening community spirit and the relationship between the Village citizenry and the police, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 4th, from 6:00-9:00pm at Walker Park (139th St. and Laramie Ave.).

Police and Fire vehicles will be on hand for people to get a close look, Bike Patrol will be present, as will a Police K-9 demonstration. Free hot dogs, burgers and popcorn will be available, as will snocones, courtesy of Sno Biz.

Children and families will also be able to enjoy face painting, a bounce house, accompanied to the sounds of a DJ furnished by 219 Productions.

Come on out and see what National Night Out is all about!

#### Get In on the Raffle!

As usual for the National Night Out celebration, the annual Crestwood Police Association Raffle will be held, offering terrific prizes for all who participate. Entry into the raffle is FREE — just mail in your tickets that were sent to Crestwood residents. Additional tickets are available at the police station for \$5 each.

Here are some of the prizes that will be distributed\*:

- Hotel Package
- Bowling Package
- White Sox Tickets
- Health Club Membership
- Gift Baskets
- Thunderbolts Family Ticket Packages
- Gift Certificates to Area Businesses
- And much more!

Drawing for the Crestwood Police Association Raffle will take place at 8:30pm at National Night Out. Remember: You can't win if you don't play!

\*Raffle prizes and other information subject to change.

# We Watch, We Call!

Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month's reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned in to your neighbors' well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

#### **Deceptive Practice**

06-01-2015: A resident reported that her checking account was used for 40 unauthorized online purchases totaling \$3,189.00.

06-08-2015: A resident reported that a male subject came to her door and advised that he was with ADT and asked to inspect their alarm system. However, the subject fled the scene in a newer model silver four-door vehicle without gaining access into the residence.

06-10-2015: A resident reported that unknown subjects used his identity to open up multiple credit card accounts, including Menard's and Guitar Center in Merriville, Ind., and charged more than \$6,000.00 worth of merchandise.

06-11-2015: Officers were called to the 141st block of Kostner Avenue for a possible disturbance between a contractor and a resident. Once on scene, officers learned that a contractor that had done seal coating was now trying to charge the homeowner more than was originally quoted. However, the contractor had already left the scene. Officers located the contractor working on another driveway approximately one block away and it was discovered that the contractor did not have a license to operate a business in Crestwood. He was issued a citation for operating without a business license.

06-13-2015: A resident reported that she received a disturbing phone call that was believed to have been from a telemarketer. The victim advised that when she refused to give any information the caller made several vulgar remarks to her and then hung up.

06-14-2015: A resident reported that her wallet had been stolen in Orland Park and her credit cards were now being used at multiple locations, including Walgreens in Oak Forest.

06-20-2015: A resident reported that his identity had been used to open up multiple credit card accounts including Home Depot and Chase Bank.

#### **Thefts**

06-01-2015: Unknown suspects stole the copper tubing and electrical wires from an air conditioning unit in the 5400 block of 127th Street.

06-11-2015: A female reported her vehicle stolen in the 5400 block of 137th Street.

06-13-2015: A woman reported that her wallet had been taken from her purse while it was hanging on her chair as she ate at Portillo's.

06-14-2015: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter from a Mazda in the 135th block of South 06-24-2015: Unknown suspects stole a single-axle black trailer from the 135th block of Kenton.

06-24-2015: Unknown suspects stole a portable DVD player from an unlocked vehicle in the 131st block of Village Lane.

06-25-2015: Unknown suspects entered the equipment trailer at Caesar's Park and stole a black tackling dummy valued at \$700.00.

06-25-2015: An unknown suspect — possibly a male, white, 5'2", 150 lbs, wearing a black shirt and khaki shorts — stole a female's laundry from the dryer at Laundry Land.

06-29-2015: Unknown suspects stole an air conditioning unit from a vacant residence in the 135th block of South End Lane.

#### **Retail Thefts**

06-08-2015: A female was arrested at Kohl's after attempting to steal a Ninja blender and two bottles of perfume.

06-14-2015: A female was arrested and charged with retail theft after taking \$59.00 worth of merchandise.

06-19-2015: A female was arrested at Wal-Mart after attempting to steal several boxes of Red Bull energy drinks and 5-Hour Energy shots.

06-28-2015: A female was arrested at Kohl's for attempting to steal \$239.00 worth of merchandise.

Thirteen people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of June.

#### No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

06-05-2015: A female was arrested in the 3900 block of Midlothian Turnpike and charged with speeding and store front in the 5400 block of 127th Street. driving with a suspended license.

06-07-2015: A male was arrested in the 4700 block of Midlothian Turnpike and charged with driving with a revoked license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

06-08-2015: Officers responded to the 139th block of Walter Drive in reference to an accident with injuries and discovered a pedestrian had been struck by a car. The driver had no drivers license nor insurance, and was unable to complete field sobriety tests. He was charged with no valid license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving under the influence of

06-13-2015: A female was arrested and charged with speeding, no valid drivers license and obstructing

identification in the 4800 block of Cal Sag Road.

06-14-2015: A male was arrested in the 134th block of Cicero and charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol.

06-15-2015: A male was arrested in the 4400 block of 135th Street and charged with driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

06-27-2015: A male was arrested after being involved in an accident at 136th and Cicero and for fleeing the scene. Officers located the subject and he was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, operating an uninsured vehicle and driving under the influence of alcohol.

#### **Burglary**

06-18-2015: A burglary was reported in the 135th block of Kenton where unknown suspects took six bottles of freon valued at \$325.00 per unit.

06-22-2015: A burglary was reported on a foreclosed residence in the 4600 block of 143rd Street where several appliances had been taken.

06-25-2015: A burglary was reported in the 140th block of Kilpatrick where suspects entered an open window and took a Samsung Galaxy tablet and a glass jar containing coins.

#### **Criminal Damage**

06-06-2015: Unknown suspects fired six shots at a traffic control sign in the 128th block of Carriage Lane.

06-08-2015: Unknown suspects damaged the driver's side door lock of a vehicle in the 137th block of Crestview Court.

06-14-2015: Unknown suspects broke the window to a

06-14-2015: Unknown suspects damaged the wiring for the electronic intercom system at a location in the 5700 block of 129th Street.

06-15-2015: Unknown suspects kicked in the door to the concession stand at Caesar's Park.

06-22-2015: An unknown male white subject in an older-model white Pontiac broke the glass to the front door at the Crestwood Deli.

#### **Warrant Service**

06-04-2015: A male was arrested in the 5400 block of 129th Place for an outstanding warrant from Crestwood for driving under the influence of alcohol.

# Police Cadet Explorer Program



The Crestwood Police Department is looking for youths between the ages of 14 and 19 who may be interested in joining our Cadet/Explorer program. While we do quite a few activities and much training that are law enforcement-related, the main purpose of this program is to help these young people to

develop good communication and leadership skills. We also provide training with other agencies, including Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police, FBI, DEA, Secret Service and others. Applications are available at the Crestwood Police Station Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 9pm, and 8:30am to noon Saturday.

# **Public Notice - Village Parking**

Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on any village street between 2am and 6am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigations. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is \$75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!

# **Latest Board Meeting Touches On Neighboring Towns**

The Thursday, July 23th Board meeting drew great attendance, mostly from the Palos, Oak Forest and Midlothian regions.

Media commentary stirred upheaval in portraying the Village of Crestwood as a "hostile takeover" of neighboring unincorporated lands. Cook County has made it clear to local villages that border unincorporated lands that the possibility of annexing will be brought to the table. Much discussion would have to take place — public hearings, an ordinance drawn, court action, and ultimately a referendum within those affected communities.

It is a wonderful thing to be a homeowner, and to be house-proud. The same is said for the villages in which we make our homes. It's equally important to be town-proud, unincorporated or not. And do remember that working for the betterment of all is the goal of local government, a goal for which we, Crestwood's Board, encourage public participation — civilly.

# **Local Bar Loses Liquor** License

It is unfortunate that a business is closed due to negligence and participating in the serving of minors. Smoking Hot Bar, located just across the street from



Village Hall and the Police Department, was shut down due to multiple violations of serving alcohol to minors. No IDs were checked by the server. This is a harsh reminder to all that Card Hard is taken seriously, and that those who serve liquor should be BASSET trained. Minors — keep out of bars if you want to keep your driver's license, and avoid fines, community service and parental heartache.

### CRESTWOOD FIRE CADET PROGRAM

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Are you age 16 through 21 and considering a career as a firefighter or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)? If so, the Crestwood Fire Department is calling upon you to apply for its Fire Cadet Program, scheduled to begin in September 2015.

If you are a young man or woman interested in a career as a Firefighter or EMT, you are encouraged to fill out the accompanying application form and drop it off at the Crestwood Fire Station, 13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL 60445, or mail it to the station addressed to the attention of Chief Jon Bruce. You may also download the Fire Cadet Application form at the Village Fire Department Web page at http://villageofcrestwoodil.gov/departments-services/ crestwood-fire-department-new/), fill out the form and email it to Chief Jon Bruce at JBruce@VillageofCrestwoodll.gov

Applicants under the age of 18 will be required to furnish written permission from a parent or legal guardian before being accepted into the Fire Cadet Program.



# Slow Down and Keep Our Kids Safe

For the second year in a row, the Crestwood Police Department will start the summer with a campaign to educate the motorist, encouraging all drivers to slow down in residential neighborhoods.

To show your support and to remind drivers to slow down, all residents are invited to display one of our yard signs, reminding the drivers of our "Child-Friendly Neighborhoods." Signs are available at the police department for

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### **1ST INAUGURAL TRUNK OR TREAT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Sunday, October 25th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM



Thanks to everyone that voted and participated in the "pick the logo" contest.

We appreciate your input!

Look for more information soon about the Trunk or Treat Event!

Any local business or organization looking to get involved in either helping sponsor this event or being a part of this new, fun event contact us at 708-371-4800, ext. 2014.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your business or organization!

Thanks in advance for your support!

Call us for more details!!!!!!

2015—Trunk or Treat

When: Sunday, October 25

Location: Crestwood Rec & Wellness

Center—Parking Lot

**Time:** 2:00 PM



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# District 130 Announces 2015-16 Registration Dates, Locations

Cook County School District 130 will host registration for the 2015-2016 school year beginning Tuesday, Aug. 4th, for pre-kindergarten and Wednesday, Aug. 5th, for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade.

For students entering kindergarten through eighth grade, registration will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 5th, and Thursday, Aug. 6th, from noon to 7pm, at the following locations:

Nathan Hale Middle School, 5220 W. 135th **Street in Crestwood** | (For students attending Nathan Hale Primary, Nathan Hale Intermediate, Nathan Hale Middle and George Washington)

Paul Revere Primary School, 2300 W. 123rd **Place in Blue Island** | (For students attending Paul Revere Primary, Paul Revere Intermediate and Veterans Memorial Middle)

Lincoln School, 2140 W. Broadway in Blue **Island** | (For students attending Lincoln, Whittier and Kerr Middle)







Registration for students entering the Early Childhood/Pre-Kindergarten programs at Horace Mann or Nathan Hale Pre-K Center will be held Tuesday, August 4th, and Wednesday, August 5th, from noon to 7pm, at Horace Mann, located at 2975 W. Broadway in Blue Island.

Registration packets were distributed at the end of the school year and are also available for download on the district website, www.district130.org. Individuals without Internet access are encouraged to visit their local library to download packets.

A \$10 fee will be assessed if registration is not completed and all applicable fees are not paid during designated registration dates. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and debit cards are accepted in addition to money orders and cash. Personal checks will not be accepted.

District 130 serves approximately 4,000 students in the communities of Alsip, Blue Island, Crestwood and Robbins.

Registration for Cook County District 130's 2015-16 school year will be

# **Early Start Provides Honors Strand for First Time**

Spending part of the summer studying microcrustaceans might not sound like fun to most teenagers, but a record number of incoming freshmen at Shepard High School this year chose science over sun.

Shepard and other District 218 school added a new Honors strand to Early Start, the three-week primer for freshman year. Shepard welcomed 225 students, nearly half the freshman class, while more than 600 overall in District 218 as a whole participated.

"Participation in Early Start gives students a level of comfort with the school and allows them to meet other students from different communities and make friends before the school year begins," said Shepard science teacher Megan Brewczynski, who has worked in the program several years.

Early Start features activities and experiments that teachers often cannot squeeze into the regular school year. For example, students in the Honors section taught by Brewczynski studied the effects of water temperature on daphnia, a micro-crustacean also known as a water flea.

"The students created a procedure to test the effect of temperature on daphnia heart rate. They

exposed the daphnia to hot and cold temperatures and counting the heart beats per minute," Brewczynski said.

The unit also provided a lesson on climate change.

"They've been learning about the effect that humans have on ecosystems. This experiment focused on possible effects of global temperature change. Daphnia are an integral part of aquatic ecosystems and to remove them would impact the food chain of the ecosystem," Brewczynski said.

The STEM — science, technology, engineering, math — portion of Early Start also featured activities such as a biodiversity walk and a lab on the effect of pollutants on plants. Early Start also features math, English, and career and technical education strands.

"It is our hope that this will lessen the fear of starting high school. We are also introducing them to Next Generation Science Standards style learning, which they have probably not been exposed to in junior high.

We focus a lot more on them creating solutions to problems and thinking on their own rather than memorizing facts," Brewczynski said.



Shepard High School freshmen Alyssa Gonzalez (left) and Rachel Guzman study the effects of water temperature on the heart rate of daphnia, a micro-crustacean, during the Early Start program.



Shepard High School freshmen Paige Gilbert (left) and Paige Fugger study as part the Early Start program.

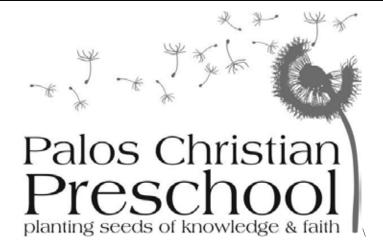
### Incarnation Students Give Time, Resources to Help Needy

Incarnation Catholic School Class of 2016, accompanied by their siblings and parents, traveled to the Feed My Starving Children organization in Schaumburg. There, they volunteered their time and talents to pack meals for children who would otherwise go hungry or starve. This fantastic group not only volunteered its time, but also generously donated much of their hard-earned treasure — money — to make a difference in a child's

life. Together they packed more than 18,000 meals! These meals will feed fifty children for one year. For this group of Incarnation students, service to others doesn't stop when school is not in session; this is a quality they have learned to share each and every day of their lives.

Incarnation's Class of 2016 traveled to Schaumburg's Feed My Starving Children organization to spend time packing meals for the less fortunate.





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### **Record Numbers Earn PADI Certification**



Shepard High School student (standing) Grace Spindler helps Hannah Horstmann with her gear before their open water dive at Haigh Quarry.

Between the serene landscape of Haigh Quarry and the relaxed tones of teachers Jason Perch and Dylan Shaughnessy, one might have thought they had stumbled into an outdoor yoga class.

But no, the clicks of weight belts, zips of wetsuits, and clinks of air tanks could mean only one thing: The annual SCUBA trip for District 218 students.

Arriving at Haigh, a mecca for divers, one passes a sign that says "Caribbean of the Midwest." And, indeed, the beach, clear water, and easy conversation among students, Perch, and Shaughnessy combine to make the day feel almost like a vacation.

It's not, of course. Perch and Shaughnessy, along with instructors from Professional Dive and Travel and DJ's SCUBA Locker, treat every moment as an opportunity to teach.

They repeat the equipment checks, safety protocols and hand signals covered since last August.

Their every signal — tone of voice, body language, choice of words — convey safety. They talk while students put on their gear, while they're strapping on equipment, and again after they've entered the water.

Preparation for the open water dives — students must complete two to earn certification — begins with practice in school pools the day before.

And then on dive day at Haigh, located a couple of miles west of I-57in Kankakee, they do it again.

Retired Shepard High School teacher Glenn Simms, the first certified SCUBA instructor in District 218, returns each year to help students earn their PADI licenses. He appears in the water at Haigh Quarry with Shepard students (from left) Gabriella Ramirez, Chloe VanWitzenberg, and Hannah Vasil.

Most students earned a basic PADI certificate, which allows them to dive to 33 feet. Students completing their second year of the course, a physical education elective for more than 10 years in District 218, receive an advanced license for dives up to 140 feet.

The basic certification course teaches fundamental SCUBA (an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) knowledge, theory and safety, both in and out of the water.

The advanced course includes skills such as tying a wide variety of knots, search and recovery diving, wreck diving, environmentalist diving, and other specialized dives.

This year, nearly 70 students — a record — earned PADI certification.

Students from Richards who earned basic certificates included Christian Rueda, Robert Alheim, Jacob Lang, Nicholas Rhoades, Mohammad Sumaira, Paul Barnes, Emily Christian, Thomas Groebe, Quinten Johnson, Joshua Kamba, Ark Kmiecik, Angel Montoya, Daniel Wescott, and Matt Skulemowski.

Richards students earning advanced certificates included Evan Thompson, Kyle Kachnowski, Lance Klinensmith, Eric Gunderson, and Jacob Nelson.

Shepard students earning certificates included Alec Anderson, Mark Brace, Andrew Choragwicki, Anthony Crespo, Emilie Crofton, David Donnick, Margarita Frausto, Theresa Hartl, Hannah Horstmann, Mike Jokubauskas, Max Jones, Jonathan Kalabich, Tim Kruse, Alexis Lyons, Justin MacDonald, Jeremiah Martin, D'Andre Miskel, William Mitchell, Jonathon Peloquin, Steven Puente, Gabriella Ramirez, Kyle Ruger, Grace Spindler, Savana Tarver, Chloe VanWitzenberg, Hannah Vasil, and Manar Yassin.

Eisenhower students earning certificates included Allison Selle, Ashley Cedeno, Kaitlyn Campbell, Angelica Smith, Maria Infante, Daniel Fraustou, Marchella Mailey, Devan Daniels, Lilyana Withers, Alexus Hernandez, Frank Martinez, Julio Martinez, Matt McGrath, Anthony Piekarski, Emmanuel Robles, Anthony West, and Noah Alramli. Eisenhower students earning advanced certificates included Juan Diaz, Jeremy Smith, and Kendall Taylor.



Instructor Harold Bach from Professional Dive and Travel reviews safety protocols with Shepard High School students prior to their open water dive at Haigh Quarry.

#### Crestwood Adviser August 2015 Number 461

# Crestwood Celebrates July 4th With Homemade Parade

If your face hurts from smiling, you must have been at the unofficial Crestwood Fourth of July parade. Its history traces back to a handful of families parading around the vicinity of Standard Bank Stadium, and has evolved into a neighborhood rally of golf carts, wagons, bikes and all things on wheels, including a pull-toy train ride. Police- and Fire-supported, engines honked and friends gathered on streets to cheer for the red, white and blue. A perfect summer day was doused only by the water of the fire hoses on parade goers, and resurrected by the glow of barbeque and celebrations into the night. Here are a few of the pictures taken at this year's robust homemade parade:













### **Thinking Of Having A Garage Sale?**

It's that time of Year! Before you set your date, come visit us at the Village Hall and get your permit. You must come into Village Hall to obtain an actual permit and pay the appropriate fee.

**Crestwood City Wide Garage Sale Days will be:** September 11th and 12th, 2015

On these specific dates you still MUST have a permit, the fee is free.

#### Don't Miss Junk in the Trunk!

It's an always-popular event, and it's almost here! Crestwood's Junk in the Trunk event will be held in the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center's parking lot (5331 W. 135th St., Crestwood) Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9:00am-1:00pm. Browse out of the trunks of cars of area residents as they hawk their wares, enticing you to buy. Looking for treasure that's someone else's cast-off? There's no better place to do it than at Junk in the Trunk! Admission is free, and the event takes place rain or shine. For more information, call (708) 371-4800 or email junktrunk2015@yahoo.com.





# **JUNK IN THE TRUNK**

It's a garage sale out of the trunk of your car!

### Saturday, August 8 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sellers Needed—Public Welcome!

FREE ADMISSION/ FREE PARKING TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM THE GARAGE SALE IS HELD IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE REC CENTER 5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60445

Sellers Fee: \$13.00 Crestwood Resident / \$18.00 Non-Resident (Guarantees a reserved 18 ft by 20 ft space (size of 2 parking spaces) to sell your treasures)

- Sellers are responsible for their own tables and electric. Sellers keep all profits.
- Sellers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.
- No firearms, guns, tobacco, alcohol, unsuitable material or fireworks can be sold. Sellers will be asked to leave if items are deemed illegal or inappropriate by the CRWC staff & no refunds given.
- The CRWC will advertise this event in the local paper and by flyers and signs around the community More than one 18 ft by 20 ft space can be purchased. Mark the # of spaces and enclose payment.
- Please return form and payment by Saturday, August 1st. You will be emailed a confirmation.
- Event will be held rain or shine. Tents and canopies are allowed. Set up is between 8 to 8:45am.
- Questions: 708-371-4800, ext. 2014 or email: junktrunk2015@yahoo.com
- Make checks payable to CRWC. Payment received after August 1 will not guarantee a reserved spot.



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### **Back to School Health Fair** on Aug. 7th at Shepard

District 218 will host its eighth annual Back to School Health Fair on Friday, August 7th, at Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

From 11am to 2pm, the fair will feature free and reduced-cost school physicals, dental exams and eye screens. The event also will feature free food and school supplies.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile from Advocate Christ Medical Center will provided a limited number of free school physicals and immunizations for the under and uninsured.

Other health care facilities will offer physicals and vaccines at significant discounts.

The Saint Xavier University Health Clinic will offer physicals for \$35, the Tdap vaccine for \$60, and the meningococcal vaccine for \$125. The Crestwood Ingalls Care Center will also offer physicals for \$35.

Parents must bring immunization records in order for children to receive new ones.

The fair also includes more than 60 information booths with staff from government organizations, health care providers, and family support agencies.

For young children, the fair will feature bounce houses, two clowns, and face painting.



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# Biela Center Celebrates July 4 in All-American Fashion

It was a bright and cheery celebration at the Biela Center last month for the organization's annual Fourth of July party. Hundreds of seniors attended the gathering for a buffet lunch of all-American favorites, and an afternoon of BINGO. Numerous attendees brought a dish to share, and the buffet table was covered with an ample supply of picnic and party fare for everyone.

Dorothy Burda attended this year's festivities as well as last year's, when she had made 275 cucumber sandwiches for the crowd. "I didn't make any this time," she said, not quite truthfully, as she offered this writer one of the cool, delectable treats from the secret stash that she and her friends were sharing. "These I made just for our table because somebody was making them for the party, so I didn't want to compete against hers."

Sitting alongside Dorothy was her friend Millie Haas, who, at the time, was anticipating calling the BINGO game that was to start at 1:00pm. "They all hope that I'll call their numbers," Millie said of the group sitting with the two friends, which also included Eva Kish, who told us that she doubted she would end up in this edition of the Crestwood Adviser, and Bertha Williams, who will be 95 years old this October, and who has been attending Biela Center celebrations for the past 15 years.

Like Dorothy, Millie, Eva and Bertha, all of the attendees at the July 4th celebration at the Biela Center seemed in great spirits and enjoying each other's company while celebrating our nation's birth.

(TOP PHOTO) Friends Dorothy Burda and Millie Haas were delighted to attend the festivities and share a secret stash of Dorothy's celebrated cucumber sandwiches. (BOTTOM PHOTO) Eva Kish thought she wouldn't make it into the Crestwood Adviser. She was mistaken.





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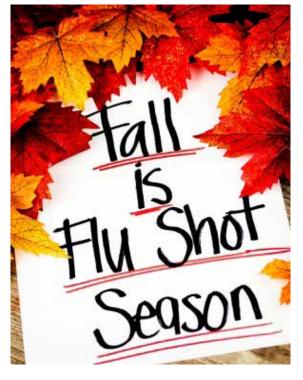
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# Flu Shots offered at the **Biela Center September 17th**

Once again, flu shots will be avaible at the Biela Center on September 17th. The pharmacists from Walgreens in Crestwood will administer the shots between 9:30am and 11:30am. No appointment are necessary.

The shots are free for qualified Medicare Part B recipients. Cash customers will pay \$25.99

Medicaid participants are also covered by the program.

Please bring insurance cards. Further info call Walgreens Pharmacy at 708-396-1280.

# Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

708-371-4860 Ext. 6001

#### **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY THURSDAY **FRIDAY** 7 No Fitness No Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 10 12 13 11:15 a.m. Fitness Apple Hollor - 9AM 12:00 p.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Lunch 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Bingo 12:30 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Bingo 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie 17 20 **Blood Pressure 9:30 AM** 12:00 p.m. Dessert 11:15 a.m. Fitness Grand Victoria - 9AM 12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Bingo 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Cards 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 27 28 Hearing - 9:30 AM 12:00 p.m. Lunch 11:15 a.m. Fitness 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Dessert 12:30 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Bingo 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie

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#### Look What's Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Tuesday, August 4 Friday, August 7 Tuesday, August 11 Friday, August 14 Tuesday, August 18 Friday, August 21 Tuesday, August 25 Friday, August 28

Beef Sandwich Chicken Salad Sandwich Polish & Sauerkraut Fish Sandwich Dessert & Bingo Meatballs & Pasta

Ham Salad Sandwich

Hot Dogs

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

#### Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

August 3-7 "Blue Hawaii" August 10-14 "Enchanted" "Paddington Bear" August 17-21 August 24-28 "Mr. Popper's Penguins"

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

#### **Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center**

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

- \*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, When: Wednesday, September 9th two, or three times a week.
- \*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.
- \*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.
- \*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.
- \*Free blood pressure and hearing screenings are offered every month.
- \*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

#### Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860, EXT 6001.

#### Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

#### Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

#### **CASINO TRIPS**

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!

#### Blue Chip Casino 🙀



Enjoy a day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes 4 hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 in E-Play after 1,000 points.

When: Monday, October 1st Time: Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm

Cost: \$28

Reservations requested by September

#### **Grand Victoria Casino**

Join us for a day of gambling in Elgin at the Grand Victoria Casino!!!

When: Monday, August 17th Time: 9 am; return 4 pm

\$27.00 (includes \$5 free slot play)

Call to make your reservations NOW!!! This trip will fill-up

#### **Shipshewana**

Cost:

Join us for a fun-filled day in Shipshewana, Indiana. We will start the day shopping at the Midwest's Largest Flea market. Then on to various shops - E&S Sales, Yoder Popcorn, the Cheese Factory and the Amish shops at Essenhaus Restaurant. Trip is sure to fill-up fast!

Time: Depart 7:30am; return 7:30pm

\$72; includes transportation, and dinner. (Lunch

is on your own)

This trip is sure to fill-up FAST!!!!!

#### "Golfer's Tee It Up" September 21st At Mayor Presta's 20th Annual Senior Miniature Golf Open

Crestwood Seniors 55 and older are invited to test their golf-skills at Hollywood Park at the Annual Senior Open.

The outing will take place on Monday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00p.m. Everything is free thanks to Mayor Presta and the good friends at Hollywood Park.

Registration is being taken at the Biela Center or call the Biela Center 371-4860, ext. 6001

#### "Rules of the Road Here on October 19th"

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road tests.

When: Monday, October 19th, 2015 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

> Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860. EXT 6001



One of the most loved holiday movies is now a full grown Broadway musical. Join Bubby the Elf in his quest from the north Pole to New York City to find his true identity. A heartwarming and hilarious musical for audiences from 8 to 80.

Wednesday, October 28th Where: Marriott Lincolnshire

9:30 am

\$76 (includes transportation, lunch and showchoice of grilled salmon or stuffed chicken

breast)

#### "A Christmas Story"

Who can ever forget the charming film about Ralphie's quest for the RED RYDER BB Gun that long ago Christmas!! It's a true audience pleaser. A must see during the holiday season.

When: Thursday, November 19th

Depart 11:00 am Time: Where: Theatre at the Center-Munster, Indiana

Cost: \$74 (includes transportation, lunch and show-

(choice of roast beef or roast turkey)

#### "Shopping Downtown"

Spend the day finding those last minute gifts for Christmas. You will be dropped off at the Christkindl Market at Daley Plaza, then you free to shop and have lunch on your own.

When: Thursday, December 3rd Time: Depart 9:30 am; Return 4:00pm Cost: \$26 (transportation only)

#### "White Christmas"

This spectacular holiday concert will take you on a musical journey from a World War II performance for the troops to the glamour of a Florida nightclub and finally the charm and simple beauty of a New England town.

Wednesday, December 9th When:

Depart 9:45 am Time:

Where: Jacob Henry Mansion, Joliet Cost: \$72 (includes choice of chicken

apricot or pork roast)

#### Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun group. Please call the membership chairperson, Sophie Horvath at 385–7760.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.

#### - REMINDER -

Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips.

- The Biela Center



"People shop for a bathing suit with more care than they do a husband or wife. The rules are the same. Look for something you'll feel comfortable wearing. Allow for room to grow."

— Erma Bombeck

#### **ATTENTION ALL CARD PLAYERS!!!**

Crestwood's senior card players are looking for new members to join



them for pinochle a the Biela Center on Thursdays at noon. If interested, stop in on Thursdays at noon.

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON AUGUST 19th**

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, August 19th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

#### HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON **AUGUST 26th**

Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, August 26th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to conduct hearing screenings and to clean and service hearing aids. This service is free for adults only.

#### **GET UP & GET OUT!!!**

**Save The Date:** Health Fair/ Pancake breakfast Saturday, October 10th, 2015.





**Save The Date:** Mobile Secretary of State, coming to Crestwood - Biela Center Saturday, October 19th, 2015

Restoration Work Days | Saturday, Aug. 8, 10:00am-12:00pm Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs Immerse yourself in the outdoors, restoring wildlife habitat. Nature will restore you. Individuals and families welcome. Ages 10 and up. Participants under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897.

**Turtles!** | *Saturday*, *Aug.* 15, 1:30-2:30pm Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs Turtles have roamed the Earth since prehistoric times. Walk with Nature Center staff to ponds onsite, where you'll have the



opportunity to observe and learn more about these aquatic reptiles. Attendance is limited to 25. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897.

**Friday Night Hike: Insects** | *Friday, Aug.* 21, 7:30-9:00pm Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs Explore the night while listening to the sounds of insects. This hike is intended for ages 8 and up. Attendance is limited to 25. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897.

#### ThunderBolts Vs. River City Rascals

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 7:05pm Standard Bank Stadium 14011 S. Kenton, Crestwood It is a \$2 Tuesday! All tickets will be sold for only \$2, including advanced sales, group tickets, and day of game! As always, kids can run the bases after every nonfireworks game. First of a three-night stand against the River City Rascals.



### **American English and Infinity will** rock Standard Bank Stadium Saturday, August 22nd, with fireworks to follow



The Windy City ThunderBolts and the Village of Crestwood are proud to present American English and Infinity in concert on Saturday, Aug. 22nd at 7pm, presented by Standard Bank. Infinity will take the stage at 7pm to rock out your favorite

hits of the '70s, '80s, and '90s. Then, be prepared for a British invasion as American English performs at 9pm. After the show, stick around for a post-concert fireworks spectacular! Tickets go on sale on Saturday, May 9th at 10am. Tickets will be \$15 if bought in advance and \$20 day of the concert. Parking will be included in the ticket price. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the Windy City ThunderBolts Box Office, contact the Box Office by phone at (708)-489-2255, or visit www. wcthunderbolts.com.



# **Currency Exchange Announces New Location**

Those of you who regularly patronize Rivercrest Shopping Center may have noticed that the Currency Exchange that was set in the plaza just south of Portillo's is no longer there. Where have they gone? Have they closed? The answer, according to Kim Anderson, manager of that location — and five others — is a resounding NO. "We really liked the location, but we were ready for a change, so we've now just moved outside of the Rivercrest Mall to the strip mall behind Culver's," she explains, describing the new location at 13318 S. Cicero. "I've seen some things on the Crestwood Facebook page — 'Where did they go??' — I don't know if people think that we actually closed, versus moving, and I just want to make sure that the customers in the area that are looking for us know where to find us."

Why the change? "We really just like the access," she says. "Rivercrest Plaza can be a little daunting. Going through there sometimes, you feel like you're taking your life in your hands. There's tons of traffic in and out, and between Portillo's and Potbelly's, you couldn't even get a parking spot. At lunchtime, I've got a lot of people who are on their lunch breaks — workers who are on their lunch breaks and need to get their business done, and couldn't get in and out of the parking lot."

She also admits that the view played a bit of a role in the decision, as well. "It was access ... and the view of the dumpster, because that's actually what we faced. That parking lot really just didn't suit. So now we've got a really nice kind of access, a very new, clean mall, and we really like it there."

The Currency Exchange in this new location is, Anderson says, a family business, a fact of which she's very proud. "We're family owned and operated. I'm not actually part of the family, but I might as well be after all of these years," she laughs.

Anderson enjoys helping people and giving them that personal touch that the big chain stores and bureaucratic institutions can't offer. "You're going to get a bit more of a personal touch with our location," she offers. "We are experts at any kind of license work, so I know a lot of times we get customers who say, 'Oh, I went to Midlothian, but they said they couldn't do something.' There's nothing that I won't find a way to do, so I like to call myself a license specialist. If you've got a title, or you've bought something that didn't have a title, and everyone's told you, 'This can't be done. You can't do that.' I've been doing it so long that I know ways to make things happen, and how to kind of work around the system. ... I think we go kind of above and beyond what, maybe, some locations will do because we have been there so long."

And they're still there, in their new location, after 27 years, ready to serve you.

## St. Christopher Seeks Volunteers for 2015-16 School Year

St. Christopher Parish and School is seeking volunteers for the upcoming school year. St. Christopher thrives and survives by its many dedicated volunteers.



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> If you are interested, in volunteering, please visit www.stchrisschool.org/volunteer

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## **World Festival of Families Coming to Standard Bank Stadium**

As part of the World Meeting of Families celebration, Incarnation Parish and the Village of Crestwood's Windy City Thunderbolts will host its 2015 Crestwood World Festival of Families on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at Standard Bank Stadium (14011 Kenton Ave, Crestwood). The family fun begins at 12:30pm outside the stadium, with food, a DJ, tailgating and kid's games available to all. (Food vendors will be onsite, but participants are invited to bring their own picnics should they care to do so.)

After the outside tailgating party, the family fun continues inside the park with a classic 16-inch softball game pitting the Crestwood Police and Incarnation Youth Group against the Crestwood Fire Department and Incarnation Alumni. The game starts at 2:30pm. Entry fee for the event is \$20 per family.

For more information about the World Festival of Families event, inquire at festivaloffamilies@incarnationcatholic.com.



Following the lead of Pope Francis, Incarnation Parish encourages families to celebrate World Festival of Families together Sunday, Sept. 27th, at Standard Bank Stadium.

# **Tour Some of Illinois' Historic Presidential Sites**

Illinois can boast some famous sons of Illinois, though only one president actually born in Illinois — Ronald Reagan. But if you look around our state, you'll find many tributes to presidents even though they were born elsewhere. Like President Obama, born in Hawaii. Ulysses S. Grant, who was born in Ohio. Lincoln, almost certainly Illinois' proudest claim, originally hails from Kentucky. When looking for some historic places to visit within a few hours' drive, consider taking in the Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. It's just one of many worthwhile and important locations you can locate in our great state.

In the quaint town of Galena, you might find of interest the memorial of General Grant, our 18th President, deeded to the State of Illinois in 1955. (Information is available at www.granthome@granthome.com)

Dixon, Ill., was the boyhood home to actor, California governor and eventual president Ronald Reagan. From April to October, this home is available for visitation and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Reagan also attended Eureka College, where the Peace Garden dedicated to the memory of Reagan's 1982 "Eureka Speech" challenged the Soviet Union to a new era of arms reduction, marking the beginning of the end of the decadeslong Cold War. A portion of the Berlin Wall is housed there, too. You can map out that location and others along the Ronald Reagan Trail by visiting www.ronaldreagantrail.net, and visit all of the haunts frequented by our 40th President. Highlighted towns along the trail include: Peoria Heights, Galesburg, Tampico, Dixon, Walnut, and Monmouth.

Future site to keep in mind: The Obama Foundation has selected Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood for future site of the Obama Presidential Library near the University of Chicago.

# **IDOT's Yellow Dot Program Saves Lives**



In 2011, the Illinois Department of Transportation unveiled the Illinois Yellow Dot program, a life-saving traffic safety initiative that provides first responders with critical information to improve emergency care for persons involved in vehicle crashes.

Yellow Dot participants are supplied with simple, bright-yellow decals for their cars and a corresponding yellow folder. The decal is placed in a conspicuous and consistent place — in the lower left-hand corner of the rear window, driver's side. The yellow dot signifies that there is a folder in the glove compartment containing the following medical information about the motorists:

- Participant's name
- Close-up photo
- Emergency contact info
- Physician information
- Medical conditions
- Recent surgeries
- Allergies
- List of current medications

Having access to this information allows first responders to make important decisions regarding emergency treatment and can better prepare emergency hospital staff in the receiving room.

The first hour following an injury is the most crucial. The Yellow Dot program provides essential personal health information to emergency responders in order to promptly care for a crash victim. This "Golden Hour" is critical in the treatment of crash victims, and the medical information provided through the program could be a lifesaver.

When a crash occurs, emergency medical first responders such as police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians are immediately dispatched to the scene. These responders usually have basic information such as the location of the crash and the number of victims. Frequently, minimal personal information is available during this early, most critical time period.

The Yellow Dot program, funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, was originally introduced in Connecticut in 2002. For more information on the program and to find a distribution center near you, visit www. yellowdotillinois.org, or visit Worth Township for kit.

# August Events at Crestwood Public Library Youth Programs

End of Summer Reading - Everyone's a Hero Party!! Calling all summer readers. Celebrate your hard work this summer at our Hero Party on Thursday, August 6 from 5-7pm.

Come enter our raffles, enjoy pizza and some fun activities. Special appearances by TMNT Michelangelo and Spiderman. Sorry, summer reading families only.

# **Brown Bag Movie**

Bring your lunch to the library and watch the movie HOME. Monday, August 17 at 1:00pm Ages 4 and up are welcome Popcorn will be served

# Back to School Pajama Party

Children ages 4-9, come to the library in your PJ's to hear stories, play games, and make a back to school craft. Tue. August 25, 2015 from 6:00-7:00pm Space is limited.

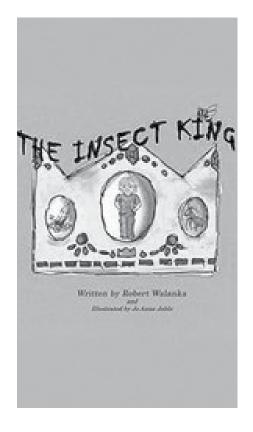
# Children's Author Visit

Picture Book author Robert Walanka and illustrator Richard Plant come to the library to read and show us how they created their new book "Wonderful Tree". Tuesday, September 1, at 6:00pm All ages welcome.

# **Duct Tape Crafts**

Kids come to the library to make fun back to school crafts or make your own creation out of duct tape. Saturday, August 22 1:00-2:30pm. Grades 2 and up.

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for details.



# Children's Author Robert Walanka to Appear at **Crestwood Public Library**

Parents and children will have the opportunity to enjoy a visit from children's author, Cicero resident and former Chicago Public School teacher Robert Walanka on Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 6:00pm. Walanka's interest in reading and sharing books with children initially inspired him to write his first book for youngsters, *The* Insect King. At this visit, Walanka will read and discuss the creative process that led to his second book, *The Wunderful Tree*. One of the book's illustrators also will be on hand to talk about the images that accompany the story. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



# **Article Suggestions**

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles — stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at **info@crestwoodadviser.com**, calling Fanning Communications at **708**-**293-1430**, or bringing a hard-copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.

# August Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

### Every Hero Has A Story - Summer Reading

Summer Read draws to an end on August 3, 2015. Our final prize drawing will be on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015. Be sure to get your final raffle ticket in by then.

### Cruise Along the Mediterranean

Jeanine Hnatovic from Cruise Planners, an American Express Travel Service Representative will discuss the most popular countries in the Mediterranean such as Italy, France & Spain. The presentation will include information on cities to visit within the countries, favorite tourist attractions and how to plan the perfect vacation. Please register. Monday, August 31 6:00 PM

# Turning 65 - Understanding Medicare Parts A and B and Medicare Supplemental Plans

This 90 minute educational presentation will cover eligibility, enrollment and the benefits of Medicare Parts A and B and the standardized Medicare Supplemental Plans available in Illinois. Please register. Friday, August 14 10:30 AM

#### Free Hearing Screening

Did you know that 1 in 5 Americans suffers some form of hearing loss? Get your free hearing health screening from Zounds at the library!

Please register. Monday, August 10 2:30 PM

### **Book Discussion Club**

Be sure to pick up a copy of our latest Book Club read, Liberty's Torch by Elizabeth Mitchell! We'll be meeting again on Wednesday, August 5th at 6:00 PM..

### Did you recently get a new Kindle, eReader, or iPad?

We have TWO eBook databases for you to explore and choose from. And best of all they are free and there are no late fees! To learn more about eRead Illinois and Media on Demand, visit our website today! www.crestwoodlibrary.org

Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details

# The BRIDGE Teen Center - August Activities



#### August 4 (Tues., 2:45-3:45) GETTING ORGANIZED FOR SCHOOL (HS ONLY)

Forgotten assignments and quizzes are a thing of the past. Start the new school year off right with a system that works.



#### August 4 (Tues., 4:00-5:00) HIGH SCHOOL MEET-N-GREET

Make an ice cream sundae while you hang out with students from your high school.



#### August 5 (Wed., 1:00-2:00) MIDDLE SCHOOL MEET-N-GREET

Make an ice cream sundae while you hang out with students from your middle school.



#### August 5 (Wed., 2:00-3:15) **BETTER THAN REVENGE**

Have people in life who bring you down and make life tough? What's better than getting back at them? We'll tell you in this program.



#### August 5 (Wed., 3:30-6:00) PROJECT SERVE: GARDENING

Get your hands dirty by working at the SEEDS community garden that is growing fresh food to donate to local charities.



#### August 20 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00) **BOCCE BALL**

Play this outdoor beach style game and meet new people while enjoying the weather.



#### August 25 (Tues., 4:00-6:00) OPEN STUDIO: VISUAL ART

Join us and express yourself through art! See how creative you can get with simple materials at your fingertips.



#### August 25 (Tues., 4:30-5:30) LIFE HACKS: TIPS TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

Learn amazing new uses for items you have lying around the house, like turning a toilet paper roll into an iPhone speaker.



#### August 26 (Wed., 4:30-5:30) **DE-STRESS WALK & FLAVORED WATER**

Take a relaxing walk to clear your head and enjoy some fruit flavored water.



#### August 27 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) PRÖJECT SERVE: LITTER PICK

Did you know that The Bridge is a charity? Help clean The Bridge inside and out.

For complete descriptions, visit www.thebridgeteencenter.org. To sign-up for a free program, call 708.532.0500 or sign-up online.

# Fun & Entertainment \*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

#### FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR **CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!**

#### **CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS** are invited to place free

advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

**Garage Sales** Lost and Found **Large Appliances Automobiles** Motorcycles **Boats and Trailers** 

#### **NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES**

can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:

**Garage Sales Appliance and Electronics** Sales

**Transportation** (Cars, Boats, Motorcycles) **Homes for Sale or Rent Apartments for Sale** or Rent **Employment Openings** 

To place your classified ad call 708-293-1430

**Jobs Wanted** 

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **FOR SALE**

Stamina 1350 Recumbent Exercise Bike \$110 like New '92 Dodge Shadow Needs Work \$500. For more info call Bill at (708) 597-1424.

#### **FOR SALE**

Table-style sewing machine, \$20. Couch & love seat brand-new – \$1,000 for the set. Washing machine, \$75. Large microwave, \$50. Everything very good, very clean. Call (708) 577-4390. Ask for Janice.

#### **FOR SALE**

2006 Mercury Grand Marquis GS, Light green, excellent condition 68,500 but best offer will be considered. Call Ron at (708) 389-6859.

#### **FOR SALE**

Jeep Liberty, 2007 (black), with 54,000 miles. Asking \$7,200. Window Kenmore Air Conditioner \$45, Hilti Hammer Drill TE12S for \$50. Call (708) 262-0215. Ask for Andy.

#### **Help Wanted**

Class-A CPL, 2-year experience, good paid. Call Paul at (708) 638-7406.

#### **Tow Truck Drivers - Needed**

Smiles Towing - 2-year experience, part-time, 24-hour driver, must be a non-smoker. Email your resume to ed.more@smilesautogroupllc.com or call Ed or Amy at (708) 631-3937.

#### **FOR SALE**

Curio cabinet pecan wood, 68 inch in Ht., 5 shelves, lighted. \$100 must see. Call Pat at (708) 388-5617.

#### **FOR SALE**

19" flat screen color TV excellent condition in orgininal box \$125 or best offer. For more info call Marie at (708-388-3253)

#### **FOR SALE**

Air conditioner (5000 BTU); Jack Nicklaus MacGregor golf clubs, bag, balls; 16" Roadmaster bicycle; Knaack H.D. pickup toolbox; Chevrolet bench seat; 1967 Buick 430-4 engine w/4-speed transmission; Astro third seat - NEW. Contact Rich at (708) 371-2755.

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

#### SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without

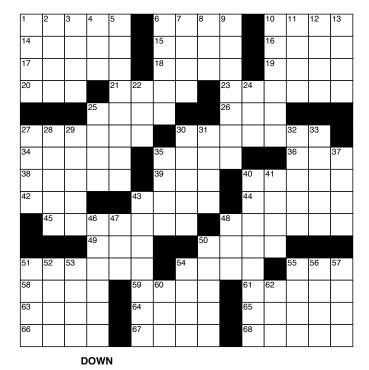
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#### July **Sudoku Solution**

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#### July **Crossword Solution**

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#### **ACROSS**

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- 6 Wall support 10 Old man
- 14 Listlessness 15 Small
- 16 A wager (2 wds.)
- 17 Append (2 wds.)
- 18 Computer picture button
- 19 Brand of coffee alternative 20 Distress call
- 21 Unsuccessful 23 Sanctuary
- 25 Attorney (abbr.)
- 26 Impair
- 27 Tent
- 30 Dwarfish 34 Radiuses
- 35 Fines
- 36 Carve
- 38 Musical instrument

- 39 Loose gown worn at mass
- **40** Lee (pie brand name)
- 42 Ball holder 43 Canal
- 44 Serious
- 45 Beat
- 48 Covenant
- 49 Strike sharply
- **50** Dry
- 51 Happen to
- 54 Capital of the Ukraine 55 Time zone
- 58 Economics abrv.
- 59 Past
- 61 Wheel holders
- 63 Formal "your" 64 Past times
- 65 Jeweled headdress
- 66 Turfs
- 67 Glided
- 68 Down duck

- 1 Oceans
- 2 Reverse
- 3 Tails 4 Two
- 5 Albert
- 6 Thorny
- 7 Fold
- 8 Spanish "one'
- 9 Generators 10 Paper from papyrus
- 11 Cain's brother
- 12 South American nation
- 13 Particle
- 22 Shoshonean 24 Surface to air missile
- 25 Capital of Western Samoa
- **27** Clip
- 28 Has ears
- 20 Garden tool
- 30 Frigid
- 31 Northeast by east

- 32 Express indifference
- 33 Wasteland
- 35 Ticket amount
- 37 Stimulate
- 40 Secrete saliva
- 41 Sour
- 43 Hires 46 Planet
- 47 Bad (prefix)
- 48 Before (prefix) 50 Ventilated
- 51 Antes
- 52 Resound 53 Chow
- 54 Lotion brand 55 Joyous
- 56 Meager
- **57** Tyrant
- 60 Volume (abbr.)

62 Roman dozen

**94 South** by Jim McGreal







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# **Jobs Listing - Now Hiring**

### Field Service Technician - Trainee - Reliable Fire Departments & Districts: +/- 50 Agreements • Door and Dock, Crestwood

Reliable Door and Dock is investing in new trucks, new tools, new equipment and we're adding to our top-notch team of service techs and support staff. Our business is growing because of our success!

Each trainee will be paired with a more experienced technician. You will learn on-the-job to troubleshoot, repair, and install overhead doors and loading dock equipment at our customer's sites. Eventually, you will work independently and in small teams at our customers' facilities. We provide you with your own truck, tools, equipment, and technology.

Reliable Door and Dock has a culture of teamwork and family. Our service technicians are the face of the company to our customers. Our success depends on our dedicated service technicians and support staff — so we want to attract and keep the very best!

We're seeking individuals with experience and knowledge of mechanical machinery and equipment, electrical systems, construction methods and techniques, or similar hands-on field service and troubleshooting skills. Some examples might be: automotive repair, building maintenance, carpentry, remodeling, industrial machinery repair, farm equipment operation, etc. Ideal candidates will have strong communication skills when working with customers and co-workers, as well as a solid mechanical & electrical installation and troubleshooting ability. All candidates must have valid driver's license and be able to pass a motor vehicle report.

#### Reliable Door and Dock offers competitive wages and benefits including:

- Friendly Team: We have a strong culture of teamwork and family! All of us work together to serve our customers.
- Love the Work: Each day brings interesting work with a variety of jobs and locations.
- Reputation and Pride: We take great pride in our service, skill, and safety. Our customers love the work we do.
- Training and Tools: We invest in the right tools, equipment, and training to work safely and do the job right the first time.
- Excellent Compensation and Full Benefits: A generous 401(k) plan, health insurance with a dedicated wellness program, life & disability insurance, vacation & holiday pay.

For more information on our company and the services offered, please visit www.RDoor.com

To apply for this position, please send your resume to *Resume@RDoor.com* 

Reliable Door and Dock is an equal opportunity employer and drug-free workplace. All candidates must be willing and able to pass a pre-employment drug test.



#### **Crestwood History: Did You Know?**

- Crestwood's Department of Public Works was started in 1961. It was a one-man department, with Chester Stranczek taking the appointment at then Mayor Ernest Musilek Jr.'s urging.
- In October 1952, Mr. Bateson of the Public Service Company presented a plan for streetlights for the Village. The first 10 streetlights were placed along Kostner Ave. and on 142nd St., and were up and running by November of that year.
- Traffic at 135th and Crawford didn't merit four-way stop signs in fall of 1949. By December 1955, signal lights controlling the intersection were in use, indicating the sort of growth that was taking place in the Village at that time.
- Irv Winterfelt designed the Village flag for the 40th anniversary of Crestwood. It made its first appearance, flown daily with the American flag, in April 1970.

### Illinois State Police District 15: 4 Patrol Zones • Snow & Ice Events: +/- 33 annually • Subordinate Staff: Direct: 5; **Indirect: 16**

The incumbent participates in the monitoring of the Tollway's snow and ice control activities to provide safe and clear driving conditions for the Tollway customers.

This position also directs Motorist Services provided by field Maintenance Sections, to ensure adequate and proper operation. The incumbent coordinates emergency services on the Tollway, such as Towing and Recovery Programs Incident Management activities, and works with the State Police to minimize traffic impact (backups) and provide safe driving conditions on the Tollway. Works with Union Representatives (2 Unions) regarding administering provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreements, and participating in Contract Negotiations.

The principal challenges to this position are proper coordination of manpower to the many and various emergencies and situations that arise. The short-term position goal is to ensure safe road conditions and effective motorist services, while focusing on long term reduction of incident impact and improved system performance.

This position approves Maintenance of Traffic Plans for all construction projects that are implemented on the Tollway. This includes approval of permanent and daily lane closures relating to construction and maintenance on the Tollway System.

Decision-making latitude exists for this position relative to daily motorist service maintenance activities, Snow & Ice Control and Emergency Incident Management. Key contacts within the Authority include the Maintenance & Traffic Staff, Section Managers, State Police officers and command staff and Design/Construction Engineers. Outside contacts include local Fire Departments and Protection Districts, Towing and Recovery Contractors, Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation, and meteorological consultants.

For more information or to apply, visit agency.governmentjobs.com/



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# Local Taekwondo Athletes Seek Olympic Dream

Jeffrey Williams Sr. has a lot of which he can be proud. Not only is he owner and head coach of the Xcellent Taekwondo Center (TEAM XTC) at 13121 Rivercrest Drive here in Crestwood, but he's also a national team coach for the USA Taekwondo National Team, the official national governing body for taekwondo in the U.S. And now, two of his protégés are poised for great things in the sport.

Zahria Williams is the current 2014-2015 USA Taekwondo Cadet National Team Member in the Female Light Middleweight Division. She finished 2nd at the 2015 USA Taekwondo National Champions, earning her a spot on the 2015 Pan American Cadet National Team that will travel to Aguascalientes, Mexico on September 9th-11th. This is her third time placing on a USA National Team. Once she returns from Mexico, she will also compete for another USA National Team Spot in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at the AAU National Taekwondo Team Trials. Earlier this year Zahria won a bronze medal at the Canada Open and won a gold and a silver medal at the Toronto Open.

Jackson Sigalove finished 1st at the 2015 USA Taekwondo National Champions earning him a spot on the 2015 World Championships Cadet National Team that will travel to Korea from August 23rd-26th. This is his second time placing on a USA National Team. Once he returns from Korea he will head straight over to Costa Rica to compete in the Costa Rica Open as part of the Illinois Taekwondo State

Team. Shortly returning after returning from Costa Rica he will also compete for another USA National Team Spot in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the AAU National Taekwondo Team Trials, where he won a gold medal earlier this month.

TEAM XTC consists of more than 30 athletes who train five times a week, two to four hours each day. They have shown themselves to be one of the best competition teams in the country, having just returned from their National Championship competition where they garnered eight gold medals, three silver medals and four bronze. The team travels to Canada, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, and across the USA for competitions, with expenses furnished by each athlete or his or her parents.

The school is also home to Laurissa Tanielu, the first female athlete from Illinois to make a Junior World Championship Team. It also is home to five-time National Team Member & Youth Olympic Games Team Member Jeffery Williams Jr., who won 2011 USAT Male Junior Athlete of the Year.

The ultimate goal for these athletes is to make it to the 2020 Olympic Games and represent the USA. Jackson Sigalove & Zahria Williams must now raise \$3,000 each to fund their trips, as these teams are not financially sponsored by USA Taekwondo. If you are interested in assisting these two star athletes in achieving their Olympic dreams, please consider a contribution at www.gofundme.com/ zc84mdk.







Jackson Sigalove (top) and Zahria Williams are two exceedingly talented taekwando champions in pursuit of their Olympic dreams — and you can